

Dear Gary,

8/23/79

While I'd be making copies for the interminable appeals by which I've obtained many of the records I have this hasty response to your 8/20.

Your decision to buy a place to live is wise, especially if your mortgage was arranged prior to the recent added increase in interest rates. From my experience the next step in security wisdom is to keep making all the extra payments you can on the mortgage to keep reducing it. This not only reduces what you put out in interest but brings that much closer the day when you do not carry the load of the payments.

It made a very big difference here, especially when we both began to draw Social Security. We are not as strapped now.

You appear to be shuttling back and forth to China, lucky one! Next time you are there, is this continues as an annual event, or if you are in contact with any medical people there, please try to learn if they have found acupuncture to be of any help in circulatory illness. There is no acupuncturist near here, although our local orthopaedic man, specialist in the hands, is Chinese and extremely well thought of.

I'd and I found the news account interesting. I'm sending it to Jim White, whose interest in China continues.

I haven't heard from Goltz for a week. He has not really needed the film with the FBI records I gave him. It would have been some trouble for me to identify the Martin film now so I referred him to you and that and loaned him my Doyle as soon as I got it from the FBI, without even looking at it. By now I'm sure he has in turn loaned it to Doyle to secure him while Doyle made his copy available for more precise study.

Aside from what I had from my own earlier work I found four different FBI proofs of an unidentified Oswald associate in New Orleans about whom the FBI did naught but dissemble. That is enough for a major story for Earl, with the pictures to make a follow-up but he sees it differently and I hope he isn't scooped.

The elitism you encountered a local prof friend also ran into in a new and fine trend in college, inviting oldsters back for a fresh academic view of the past and/or present. Of all the people he had this summer, and they came from as far away as Florida, he ran into only one person with this self-importance. It wore off from peer pressure before the end. She was a surgeon's wife and it was below her to share a dormitory bath, etc. Those of individual attainment soon fixer her perspective.

Re the records: about 60 file cabinets of them now. They are all going to Wisconsin, Stevens Point, and I would encourage you to give yours to him when you have no further need for them. He is a good, responsible person and without doubt it will be the major archive. Jim's wife stuff, about 25 boxes, are already there and in use.

That "protective" stuff is commentary on our present society!

We hope you do get back this way soon. Our best,